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Bolshevism Out West

Many Western boys will say that the West is full of real Americans and that in the East there are so many foreigners that a large per cent of the Eastern population is Bolshevik. That is not true.

A few days ago in Omaha, Neb., a few hundred "real Western Americans" lynched a negro. During this race rioting they incidentally burned the jail and tried to hang their Mayor, Edward P. Smith, because he would not give them the key to the jail. Then, instead of trying to quell the riots, most of the "real American" policemen quit their posts. These rioters not only caused great disturbance in their city, but they put their government to the trouble of calling out the troops. And they call themselves real Americans.

Many of these "real Americans" call every foreigner a Bolshevik, and you can well believe that there are many foreigners who are better Americans than those in Omaha, Neb. If those Westerners want to call themselves real Americans they had better see to it that they are worthy of the name.

James Moskowitz.

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Brazil

Now that the war is over and the nation is busy with reconstruction, our commerce is going to be built up, and we are interested in the countries with which we trade. The largest country in South America, Brazil, is very beautiful. In the civilized parts there are electric lights, streetcars, beautiful streets and imposing buildings.

The Brazilians call their streetcars "bonds." It is amusing to know where that name originated. When streetcars were first introduced in Brazil bonds were sold and the buyer was under the impression that each bond bought a car, so they called the cars themselves "bonds," a name which has stuck to them ever since.

As traders we are interested in the products of Brazil. The most important product is coffee. Eighty per cent of the coffee consumed in the United States comes from Brazil, which is the greatest coffee producing country in the world. A Brazilian proverb says: "Coffee must be as strong as Satan, as black as ink, as hot as Hades and as sweet as love."

Brazil is one of the coming countries and when men

settle there more thickly and realize the wealth of the land it will be one of the most important countries in the world's trade.

Frances Elliott.

Westfield, N. J.

Investigations

Every time the people get angry about a certain thing the officials order an investigation by a number of men. These men investigate and investigate until the public forgets the "thing." So it goes. The minute the public mind is aroused the word "investigate" acts like a drug. It soothes and quiets the public. It is really quite wonderful. That is one reason for the many problems the United States faces now, such as the high cost of living, strikes, etc. All these problems will disappear when the public decides to investigate. Meanwhile, Uncle Sam, progress, prospect, prosperity and happiness must wait till greed, selfishness, red tape and politics are driven out. Let the people do a little investigating of their own. Do not keep the bright future waiting.

Saul Marks.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bird Enemies

We have many birds, but we could have many more if we protected them by destroying their enemies. The cat, for instance, is one of the enemies of birds. We do not mean to kill good cats which do no harm, but nine cats out of ten will kill a bird if they have the chance. We can help them also by making bird baths for them and by feeding them in the winter, for some birds do not fly to the South in the fall.

Another instance of an enemy of the birds are some boys who have small guns but big enough to kill birds. It would be all right if they chose the crow or some harmful bird. They seem to always pick out the robin, which is a great help to the country.

The birds help the farmers and gardeners, for they eat the worms and bugs which kill the crops. Some people say the birds do harm, but what they do wrong they make up one hundred times and more in doing good.

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